Representation of Medical Practioners against new drug policy

1568. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical community as a whole did not appreciate the new drug policy as it is tilted in favour of multinational companies and against the common man;

(b) whether some organisations of doctors have lodged protests with Government on this matter; and

(c) if so, whether Government will look into the policy afresh and hold discussions with such organisations for evolving a proper drug policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have taken note of the suggestions of all concerned in response to the measures for rationalisation, quality control and growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry in India announced in December, 1986.

Non-production of anti-TB drugs

1569. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one multinational drug company was permitted to manufacture anti-TB drugs at the rate of 80 tonnes of I.N.H. and 110 tonnes of P.A.S. annually but it manufactured only 73.77 tonnes and 23.80 tonnes of the two types in 1980, 54 and 13.78 tonnes in 1981 and not an ounce of the two drugs in 1983;

(b) if so, what is the name of the said multinational drug company; and

(c) what punitive action has been taken against the company, in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) M/s. Pfizer is licensed to produce 80 MT of INH and 110 MT of PAS and its salts. Production of these drugs since 1980-81 onwards is given below:

A/c unit: Tons.

Name of the drug	1980-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87
1. INH . .	73 79	50 60	72.92	56 56	80.01	71.74	97 82
2. PAS and its Salts .	66.79	4 23	12 60	3 67	8 52	8.52	..

(c) There is no provision under law to proceed against a company for not producing a drug.

Foreign collaboration for third mine cut at Neyveli

1570. 157. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any proposal to have a tie up of Machinery and euipment supply from any foreign country for the third mine cut and the utilisation of the lignite at Neyveli; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The development of an energy complex based on Neyveli third lignite mine has been taken up with